German Technological Assistance for Pollution Check

4335. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a German delegation visited New Delhi recently and held discussions on various pollution related issues;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to seek technological aissistance from Germany to curb various pollution related issues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir. A German delegation visited New Delhi from 28-7-2001 to 3-8-2001 and held discussions on pollution control related issues.

(b) A Round Table Conference was organised on 31-7-2001 at New Delhi on issues relating to control of pollution which included disposal of biomedical waste, hazardous waste, waste water treatment, air pollution, environment friendly technologies, clean technologies with specific reference to small scale industries.

(c) and (d) Government has decided to seek technological assistance from Germany wherever possible on detailed discussions in the areas of use of energy processor system in disposing bio-medical and hazardous waste and use of decentralised water treatment technology for installing Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) in small eating houses/restaurants.

Environment Impact Assessment Studies in Karnataka

4336. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested for releasing Rs. 105 lakhs for conducting environment impact assessment studies and carrying capacity at Sandur Taluk, Bellary district; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir